UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 1:23-cv-00369-NRM-RML

Plaintiff,

-against-

AFFIDAVIT OF STEVEN M. SIMPSON

RARE BREED TRIGGERS, LLC; RARE BREED FIREARMS, LLC; LAWRENCE DEMONICO; KEVIN MAXWELL,

Defendants.

- I, Steven M. Simpson, state under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my present knowledge, information and belief:
 - 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of New York, as well as the New Jersey, the District of Columbia and California.
 - 2. I am appearing *pro hac vice* as counsel in this matter for Defendants, Rare Breed Triggers, LLC, Rare Breed Firearms, LLC, Lawrence DeMonico and Kevin Maxwell.
 - 3. It is necessary for me and my law firm, the Pacific Legal Foundation, to immediately withdraw from this matter as counsel as Defendants and I have an irreconcilable conflict concerning the conduct of this litigation.
 - 4. Defendants have been contacted about this request and do not oppose my or my firm's withdrawal.
 - 5. In addition to the specific statements contained in this affidavit, if the Court seeks additional information concerning this request, I request the opportunity to present information *in camera* in a sealed proceeding.
 - 6. Defendants have been served with a copy of this motion and affidavits.

- 7. Defendants request the right to be present at any *in camera* proceeding concerning this motion.
- 8. Defendants also request that this Court hold this matter in abeyance for 60 days, including all deadlines associated with the pending proceeding, while Defendants secure replacement counsel.
- 9. Defendants have informed me that they consent to an extension of the existing temporary restraining order as is necessary to provide them with such a 60-day stay of the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted May 1, 2023.

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